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Main Entry: ⁴mean

Function: *noun*

- 1 a** (1) : something intervening or intermediate (2) : a middle point between extremes **b** : a value that lies within a range of values and is computed according to a prescribed law: as (1) : **ARITHMETIC MEAN** (2) : **EXPECTED VALUE**
c : either of the middle two terms of a proportion
2 plural but singular or plural in construction : something useful or helpful to a desired end
3 plural : resources available for disposal; *especially* : material resources affording a secure life
 - **by all means** : most assuredly : **CERTAINLY**
 - **by means of** : through the use of
 - **by no means** : in no way : not at all

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